

TRIBUTE TO GABBY GEORGE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 2, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor that I rise today to pay tribute to Gabby George, a devoted public servant from North Fork, Colorado. Gabby is a kind and generous man who has dedicated forty years to improving the water systems of the Hotchkiss and Crawford communities. He is an intelligent and multi-talented employee of the Public Works Department who actively improves the lives of his fellow citizens, and I would like to join my colleagues here today in recognizing his tremendous service to the Colorado community.

Gabby George recently celebrated his twentieth year with the Crawford public works department, after serving a previous twenty years in the Hotchkiss public works department. Over the years, he has helped to add a new water main and additional service lines as well as securing the pavement of many city streets. Gabby has served the community in many other ways, as an auctioneer, a rodeo announcer, a basketball referee, a volunteer firefighter and even as a Santa Claus for local kids.

Mr. Speaker, Gabby George is a dedicated individual who is actively involved in building productive and caring Colorado communities. Gabby has demonstrated a love for public service that resonates in his compassionate and selfless service to the North Fork Community. Gabby's enthusiasm and commitment certainly deserve the recognition of this body of Congress. Thanks for all your hard work Gabby, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

HON. NICK LAMPSON

OF TEXAS

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Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, when the idea of Black History Month (formerly Black History Week) was conceived by historian, Carter G. Woodson, he envisioned a celebration of black history achievement as well as an educational medium. Mr. Woodson organized the first celebration in 1926 to be held the second week in February in honor of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln's birthday. Because of its popularity among the black and white press, schools and women's clubs, the week long commemoration was expanded into a month long salute to African Americans. Black History month has provided a forum for African Americans to share their culture with the world and it is a very educational and entertaining month.

For the past 5 years, I have hosted an Unsung Hero Program during Black History Month as a means of acknowledging the many accomplishments of my constituents who often go unnoticed for their service to the community.

We are living in challenging times and the African American community is being severely

impacted by many of the subtle changes in our society. Despite the fact that the 2004 theme for Black History Month is BROWN VS. THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, for the first time in many years, our schools are becoming more segregated, African American students are experiencing a higher drop out rate than their peers, it's becoming more difficult to obtain student loans to attend college and affirmative action is being challenged on all fronts. In addition, that dreadful disease AIDS, has reached the pandemic stage in the African American community. However, in the past, my sisters and brothers of color have faced more formidable threats to their well-being and I am confident that each challenge will be met with a fierce determination to resolve the issues at hand.

The following residents of the 9th Congressional District have proven they are willing to embrace Mr. Woodson's vision of a brighter tomorrow by their efforts to serve humanity. I am proud and honored to present to you my 2004 Unsung Heroes for inclusion in the U.S. CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

Ms. Thomasine Allen, Mr. Abdul Amin, Mr. Lewis Briscoe, Mrs. Rose Etienne, Ms. Loretta Fontenot, Mrs. Janis Matthews, Miss Charlotte Menifee, Mrs. Dianne Henderson Moore, Mrs. Barbara Myles, Mr. Kenneth Negbenebor, Mr. David Mitchell, Ms. Cheryl Randle, Mrs. Janice Stanton, Ms. Helen Truscott, Mr. Ennis Williams, Mrs. Maggie Williams and Mr. Spergon Wynn, Jr.

These individuals were nominated by their friends and neighbors. However, because of redistricting by the Texas Legislature, after this term, the residents of Galveston County will no longer be my constituents. While this is my last Unsung Hero Program in their community, I assure you that Galveston County will always hold a special place in my heart. I am grateful to have represented their community and for their encouragement throughout the years.

IN MEMORY OF EMMETT "BUD" BEAUREGARD

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Emmett V. "Bud" Beauregard—husband, father, and friend. For over 60 years, he managed to preserve the traditional flavor of his historic market, Shoppers Corner, and has been a valued community member and family man. Bud ran his market with the reputation as a demanding but fair boss who spoke his mind and he is remembered today as a hardworking and dedicated member of the community, who went head to head with corporate chains with his traditional market and left it as a legacy that still thrives.

A Santa Cruz native, Bud was born August 10, 1917 to Dwight and Cecelia Beauregard. He was a graduate of Chaminade High School, and as a boy he worked for the Espindola Grocery Store on Pacific Avenue. This led to the opportunity to buy Shoppers Corner from Ed Calwell and Carl Schwartz in 1938 with his long time friend and business partner, Vincent Williams. The transaction was

famously finalized on a piece of butcher paper and with a hand shake over a barrel of pickles.

During World War II Bud was drafted and served for four years in the Army Air Corp. In 1940 he met Patricia Oaks and in 1942, while stationed in Blytheville, Arkansas, the couple married. Following his military service he returned to Santa Cruz where he resumed his ownership of Shoppers Corner and continued to build the business into a successful and well known local establishment. Bud's son Jim now owns and runs the Shoppers Corner in the family tradition learned from father to son.

Mr. Speaker, I believe don't believe that it is an exaggeration to say that Bud Beauregard was a community icon in Santa Cruz, and a tireless advocate for "Main Street" versus "Wall Street". He is survived by his daughters, Cheryl Ann Beauregard and Joanne Malmin; son, Jim Beauregard and sister, Vernie Reed. He is also survived by his five grandchildren, Ryan Beauregard, Andre Beauregard, Michael Ann Demille, Troy Malmin and Hayley Malmin and two great grandchildren, Emily Demille and Robert Demille. He was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia Beauregard in 2000 and his son, Michael Beauregard in 1976. He will be missed by many in the community, as well as his family.

TRIBUTE TO STANLEY BARRON

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise before you to pay tribute to the life of a remarkable man from my district. Stanley Barron from Stonewall, Colorado passed away recently at the age of eighty-two. Stanley was a patriot, rancher, and conservationist, and it is my privilege to honor his accomplishments today.

Stanley began his career serving in the Army Air Corps during World War II, flying thirty missions over Europe in his B-17 aircraft, which he aptly named the Colorado Eagle. When Stanley returned to Colorado, he began conservation work, and later won multiple awards for his expertise on land surveys and property boundaries throughout the southern areas of the state. Upon retiring from conservation work, he started volunteering at the Stonewall Fire Department, the Las Animas County Sheriff's Department, and the Colorado Cattleman's Association. Stanley eventually rose to chief of the fire department and president of the Southern Colorado Cattleman's Association.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to rise before this body of Congress to pay tribute to the life of Stanley Barron. Stanley was a devoted volunteer, husband, and father who made a tremendous impact on his community and all that were fortunate enough to know him. The Stonewall community, and the State of Colorado mourns his loss, and my heart goes out to his loved ones during this difficult time of bereavement.